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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraphs spanning page 7, line 23 through page 8, line 13 and
insert the following therefore:

FIGURE 5: cDNA and amino acid sequence of human MGF, showing its exon
Structure (SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2 respectively)

FIGURE 6: cDNA and amino acid sequence of rat MGF, showing its exon
Structure (SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4 respectively)

FIGURE 7: cDNA and amino acid sequence of rabbit MGF, showing its exon
Structure (SEQ ID NOs: 5 and 6 respectively)

FIGURE 8: cDNA and amino acid sequence of human L-IGF-I, showing its
exon structure (SEQ ID NOs: 9 and 10 respectively)

FIGURE 9: cDNA and amino acid sequence of rat L-IGF-I, showing its exon
structure (SEQ ID NOs: 11 and 12 respectively)

FIGURE 10: cDNA and amino acid sequence of rabbit L-IGF-I, showing its exon
structure (SEQ ID NOs: 13 and 14 respectively)

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FIGURE 11: Sequence alignment, illustrating exon structure of human, rat and rabbit MGF (amino acids 26-110 of SEQ ID NO:2, amino acids 26-111 of SEQ ID NO:4, and amino acids 26-111 of SEQ ID NO:6, respectively) and human, rat and rabbit L-IGF-I (amino acids 26-105 of SEQ ID NO:10, amino acids 26-105 of SEQ ID NO:12, and amino acids 26-105 of SEQ ID NO:14, respectively), and highlighting similarities and differences